

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1933

As of March 23, 2011

Title: An act relating to license plate fraud and law enforcement safety.

Brief Description: Addressing license plate fraud and law enforcement safety for collector vehicles.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Finn).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/05/11, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/16/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Katherine Taylor (786-7434)

Background: A registered owner may apply for a collector vehicle license plate for a vehicle that is at least 30 years old. The owner may receive a collector plate that is assigned by the Department of Licensing (DOL) or the owner can provide an actual Washington State-issued license plate designated for general use in the year of the vehicle's manufacture. The original registration amount is \$35; the plates are valid for the life of the vehicle, are not required to be renewed, may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle, and must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

These vehicles can only be used for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and occasional driving.

Summary of Bill: Any person who knowingly provides a false or facsimile license plate for a collector vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor.

DOL must provide a method by which law enforcement officers may readily access vehicle information for collector vehicles by using the collector vehicle license plate number.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on August 1, 2011, except for section 2, relating to prescribing penalties, which takes effect on January 1, 2012.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Stops use of false collector vehicle license plates. People are currently using false collector vehicle license plates.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Paul Peterinovich, Citizen.